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Brief report on Kisan Goshti organized by Department of Agriculture, IIAST on “Empowering small holder farmers” on the occasion of World food day

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The Department of Agriculture, IIAST, organized a Kisan Goshti on October 16, 2018, in Dasauli village, marking World Food Day. The world food day celebrated every year on October 16. The central theme of the event revolved around empowering small holder farmers to enhance their productivity and livelihoods. The gathering aimed to address the challenges faced by small farmers and equip them with knowledge and resources to improve their agricultural practices.

The Goshti was observed under the guidance of Prof. Mohd Haris Siddiqui, Director, Integral Institute of Agricultural Science and Technology and Dr. Saba Siddiqui, Head, Department of Agriculture, IIAST. The faculty members Dr. Malik Mobeen Ahmad and Dr. Usman Sayeed accompanied students of B.Sc. (Hons.) Agriculture to Dasauli Village. Dr. Malik Mobeen Ahmad, Assistant Professor, Department of Agriculture, IIAST, Integral University, Lucknow, focused on sustainable farming techniques tailored for small holder farmers, emphasizing practices such as integrated pest management, organic farming, and crop diversification. He highlighted the importance of reducing reliance on chemical inputs and adopting environmentally friendly methods to improve soil health and crop resilience. Dr. Usman Sayeed, Assistant Professor, Department of Agriculture, IIAST, Integral University, Lucknow, educated farmers on access to agricultural credit, market linkages, and government schemes aimed at supporting small holder farmers. The expert discussed the importance of financial literacy and proper utilization of available resources to maximize profits. Additionally, case studies of successful small holder farmer initiatives were presented to inspire and motivate attendees.

The Kisan Goshti, provided a valuable platform for small holder farmers to gain insights, exchange ideas, and strengthen their capacity to contribute to food security and sustainable agriculture.

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Glimpses of the Goshti

